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News Summary.

Foreign. — A bitter debate in the House of Commons over the Supply Bill, evidently a bitter subject. The Government assures Mr. Parnell and his followers that only £50,000 would be devoted to emigration purposes.

Serious rioting in Coatbridge, Scotland, between Orangemen and Catholics. Picks, hammers, and stones freely used. Several dangerously wounded. Fifty rioters arrested.

The second son of Prince William of Prussia, christened. An imperial time and imposing ceremonies.

About one hundred and fifty deaths from cholera have occurred among the British troops in Egypt since the breaking out of the disease.

Mount Vesuvius is remarkably active. The continuous trembling of the soil has resulted in considerable damage to buildings and railway.

Fighting in Tongkin. The French troops repulsed and somewhat disheartened, waiting for reinforcements. The Europeans in Canton alarmed for their safety.

Domestic. — Home again from a foreign score. Ten members of the American Military Rifle Team. They promise better things in this country next year.

A German boy in Morrisania shot by masked burglars. Booty carried off, \$17, a watch and chain, and valise. Small pay for such a dastardly act. The ruffians escaped. Boy dangerously wounded.

The usual number of wife murders and suicides this week. In many of these cases intoxicating drink is the direct or indirect cause. How long will it be lawful to sell such murder-making stuff?

The Western Union Building, Chicago, took fire this week from the crossing of two wires behind the switch-board. Loss of fire and water, nearly \$100,000.

A beautiful and accomplished young lady of St. Louis, daughter of James O. Churchill, Esq., has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared from her home. No clue as yet.

The bimbo game at Coney Island. The victim, a banker from Canajaharie, N. Y. Loss, \$100. The game well played, but tripped up by detectives just in time to save the innocent old gentleman an additional \$800.

A ship canal through Florida, from the Atlantic to the Gulf, is seriously talked of. Length, 137½ miles; cost, \$46,000,000; width and depth sufficient to allow the passage of two sea-going steamers. What next will Brother Jonathan attempt?

Returning to reason. Captain Rhodes declines committing suicide in the Niagara whirlpool.

Threatened war between the claim-diggers and oystermen at Keypoint, N. J. The claim-diggers seem to be the injured party, and intend making a determined struggle for their right, as free-born citizens of the United States, to rake clams along the New Jersey coast. This is evidently a genuine oyster stew, smoking hot.

Supervisor Gedney, of Kings County, N. Y., proposes a thousand acre farm, workshops, and woodyard for the employment of tramps; a wise suggestion, but New Jersey would have to follow suit or else soon be overrun. Tramps and hard work do not agree.

On October 1st, letter postage will be reduced to two cents in the United States. Thanks to the Hon. John Hill, of New Jersey.

A terrible cyclone has occurred in Minnesota. The city of Rochester partially destroyed. Twenty-five killed and forty wounded. A railroad train running at full speed literally lifted from the track and dashed to pieces, killing many and injuring nearly every other person on the train.

Democratic State Committee of N. Y. met this week at Saratoga. The State Convention will be held at Buffalo, September 27.

About Town.

A very pretty iron railing has recently been placed upon one side of the bridge over Second River on Franklin Street. It was designed especially to prevent accidents to children, who had shown a fondness for walking upon the stone coping. A railing on both sides would make a finish of the job.

Dr. Wm. H. White has built a new barn, including stable and carriage house, on the lot back of his residence on Franklin Street.

The grocery store and saloon of Herman Thierfelder, near the Inclined Plane, was broken into on Thursday morning and robbed of goods amounting to about \$20. The proprietor suspected a boatman whose actions the previous day were mysterious. He telegraphed immediately to Chief Grawe, of Paterson, who intercepted the boat the same day, recovered the stolen goods, and arrested the captain and his mate, Charles Smith and James Heffern. Warrants were issued, and Constable Maxwell went to Paterson on Friday and brought the prisoners to the county jail.

The schools will open on Monday, September 3.

Attention is called to the notice in another column of the action of the managers of the Sunday-school Association in selecting Wednesday evenings of the coming winter for the meetings of the Normal Class. As the meetings of this class are of so much interest to the Sunday-schools, and of so worthy a character, it is hoped the evenings will be left free from other engagements as far as possible.

If any one thinks Bloomfield is not a desirable place of residence, let him make an effort to hire a house to be occupied the coming fall.

The Bloomfield Fire Association desires notice to be given that they will do all in their power to ferret out the party or parties who may attempt to set fire to any buildings whatsoever, and that no expense will be spared to bring the offenders to justice.

Ridgewood Ave. wants gas the worst way. This same complaint comes from several localities. What is the matter with the Town Committee?

The Fire Association will hold a meeting at Wilde's Hall, on Monday evening, the 27th, for the purpose of electing new members, also to discuss some system of electric alarms, and making arrangements for a detective to ferret out any attempts at incendiarism. Several imitations of such an act have been made.

The Essex Hook and Ladder Truck Company made their first drill on Tuesday evening. Leaving the house they ran up Bloomfield Avenue to Liberty Street, down Franklin Street to Washington Avenue, and thence to the Cadmus building. The water was procured from a cistern in the rear; the pump worked splendidly, throwing a good stream over the building, while the men performed their duty in a manner worthy of praise. The next regular drill will be made next Tuesday evening. Members are requested to assemble at 7:15 P. M., sharp.

A very great improvement to some parts of the village would be the removal of the wild carrots and other noxious weeds that are being allowed to ripen on the sides of the streets. With a little labor now, a nuisance can be nipped in the bud that if allowed to remain for a year or two will require a decided effort to remove.

The new fence at the corner of Franklin and Montgomery Streets is a great improvement.

An ice cream festival under the auspices of the colored people was held in the school-house in the Morris neighborhood on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Considerable encouragement was given by the attendance of their lighter colored neighbors, and the affair proved a success. The proceeds are to be devoted to the building of a chapel.

A portion of the new organ for the First Presbyterian Church arrived in town on Wednesday.

Personal.

Mr. Frank G. Tower (Secretary of the B. F. A.) and family will return home about Sept. first.

Mrs. R. N. Dodd is now enjoying the cool breezes at Ocean Grove.

Rev. D. R. Lowrie will fill his pulpit at the M. E. Church to-morrow morning and evening.

Mr. Joe Peloubet and wife are sojourning at Ocean Grove for a few days.

Mr. Chas. Kyler and Elmer Carter have returned from a two weeks' stay at Ocean Grove.

James Powers was again arrested on Monday evening, for wife beating. Justice Hall committed him to jail.

John W. Conroy, aged 28 years, died on Wednesday, Aug. 22d.

Miss M. Harvey is spending two weeks at Ocean Grove.

Mr. W. W. Apgar will spend a week at the Forest House, Budd's Lake.

Miss Edith G. Beckwith and Mrs. T. E. Hayes are stopping at Ocean Grove for a few days.

Rev. D. R. Lowrie, pastor of the M. E. Church, has a tent and cottage combined at Camp Tabor, in which he is passing his vacation very pleasantly.

Dr. F. W. Bennett and wife, with a few friends from Newark, are spending two weeks at the Mount Arlington House, Lake Hopatcong.

Mr. George W. Gamble, principal of the Montgomery school, has been engaged as Principal of the Dover public school for the coming year. We wish him all success in his new field.

Mr. J. W. Brereton has left his jewelry business in charge of his stepson, Tom Hill, and has gone to Ocala, Fla., where he will conduct the same business.

Mr. Charles M. Davis and his daughter, Miss Sarah Davis, have gone to Richfield Springs, N. Y., to attend the Summer School of Philosophy.

Mr. Jacob F. Randolph sails to-day for England, where he expects to rejoin his family.

Messrs. John Newton, Rev. S. W. Duffield, and Joseph D. Gallagher are on a fishing excursion to Barnegat Bay.

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Mrs. John M. Van Winkle is still detained at Dr. Strong's, Saratoga, on account of ill health.

Mrs. Amelia Jacobson and her daughter, Mrs. Decker, have gone to Canada.

Mr. Willard Richards is at the Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga Springs.

The Rev. Henry W. Ballantine and wife, and Miss Alice Beach, are staying at the Sinclair House, Bethlehem, N. H.

Mr. John H. Brown, who has been in Florida for a year past, is home for a brief vacation. He returns again in the fall.

Mrs. Jason Crane and daughter Nellie are at Hunter, in the Catskills.

Mr. M. M. Bradley, formerly of Bloomfield, is spending his vacation in the Catskills, near Phoenicia, N. Y.

Mrs. Samuel Carl, the Misses Williams, and Mr. William Carl are spending a few weeks in the Catskills.

The Newark Advertiser of last Saturday contained a very readable letter from our former townsman Mr. Frank C. Bliss, who is now a resident of St. Paul, Minn. The letter occupies about a column and a half of the paper, is entitled "The New Northwest," and is a very interesting description of Minnesota and its wonderful development, especially of St. Paul, the capital, which has grown from a town of 4,716 inhabitants in 1855 to about 95,000, its present population, with a present valuation of property, real and personal, of over \$65,000,000, as against \$29,000,000 three years since. Private letters say that Mr. Bliss and family are settled in St. Paul, are well, and very much pleased with the place. Mr. E. B. Kennedy is also at St. Paul, where he has been a resident for a year or more.

Montgomery Items.

The Haymakers were badly white-washed by the Regulars in the ball match on Saturday. The Regulars are a hard club to beat. It is their intention to challenge any picked nine Bloomfield can produce.

Montgomery once boasted of a debating society, a singing school, a military company, a Sunday-school, and an evening prayer meeting. Alas! they have gone where the woodbine twineth.

Bellevillians complain bitterly of the desecration of the Sabbath by visiting base ball clubs; profanity and obscenity are the rule and not the exception. Where are the authorities?

The daily trip of a sailing craft that has lately made its appearance on these troubled waters.

Strollers in Lovers' Lane should keep their eyes about them, as kissing matches are always an interesting sight to the ordinary observer.

Property offered at half its value finds slow sale here. Why are these things thus?

Montgomery wants to be annexed to Bloomfield. It would secure a good school district for both places. Taxes are about the same. Every one here goes to Bloomfield to find churches, stores, schools, and every convenience. If it could be accomplished, it would prove beneficial in many respects. But there is that if.

A teacher is wanted for the school here. A lady preferred. Apply to the trustees. Salary no object.

Business is moderately good. The view from Mount Arthur is enchanting. Beans and corn are in their glory. Our country friends are visiting us. The roads have been improved. The Citizen is making steady advances in the estimation of the residents in this locality. The articles signed Sophie Sparkle and S. W. D. are much admired.

GASBAG.

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